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**Art Unit 1637**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/816,886; Filed: April 5, 2004  
For: **Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules**  
Inventors: Gruber *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4350002/RWE/AWL

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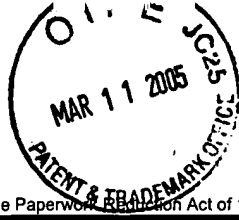
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims 70 - 20 or HP 37 = 33 x 50.00 = 1650.00  
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